

**Architectural Inventory Form**

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5BL8197**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Wallace Garage Building**
6. Current building name: **Harding Glass Industries Co. Building**
7. Building address: **504 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
8. Owner name: **504-512 Fift Avenue LLC**  
Owner address: **PO Box 978**  
**Longmont, CO 80502**

**II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

9. P.M. **6<sup>th</sup> Township** **2N Range 69W**

**SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of section 3**

10. UTM reference

Zone **13**

Easting: **491430**

Northing: **4446180**

11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**  
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**

12. Lot(s): **E 1/2, 37-40** Block: **40**

Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**

13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

**Official Eligibility Determination**

(OAH1403 use only)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - National Register

\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - National Register

\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible - State Register

\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible - State Register

\_\_\_\_ Needs Data

\_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible National Register District

\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

**III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):

**L-Shaped Plan**

15. Dimensions in feet: **6230 square feet**

16. Number of stories: **Two**

17. Primary external wall material

**Brick**

**Wood / Plywood / Particle Board**

18. Roof configuration (enter one):

**Flat Roof**

19. Primary external roof material (enter one):

**Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof**

20. Special features (enter all that apply):

**Segmental Arch**

22. Architectural style /  
building type:

**Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early Twentieth Century American Movements/ Commercial Style**

**21. General Architectural Description**

This building is located at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kimbark Streets at the eastern edge of downtown Longmont. The building features a modified L-shaped plan with a portion of the façade built at a forty-five degree angle fronting toward the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Kimbark. For many years, the east end of the building was a gas station, with the gasoline pumps located in front of the angled portion of the façade close to the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Kimbark. Overall the building is of brick construction and it is covered by a flat roof. The southwest portion of the building (closest to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue), has traditionally served as retail space with a warehouse and service bay area located behind to the north and northeast. The west end of the façade presently features dark purple color brick columns located at either end and flanking the front entry door. Between the columns large single-light fixed-pane storefront display windows are located on either side of the front entrance which features a glass-in-steel frame door topped by a transom light. The area below each of the large storefront windows between the brick columns is covered with masonite panels. Above the windows and front entryway, a flat metal awning projects out over the sidewalk along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The name of the building's current business, Harding Glass Co. appears in white block letters along the edge of the awning. Above the awning, the building's second story is hidden behind a silver metal veneer. (Historic photos show that the façade's second story is of brick construction and that there are four 1/1 double-hung sash second-story windows hidden behind silver metal veneer). The east end of the façade including the angled section features a painted white brick wall laid in common bond. Elaborate courses of corbelled brickwork appears at the top of the wall surface and below these there are tow sign bands advertising Harding Glass and windshields. A single painted white wood-paneled door flanked by two single-light window leads into the angled portion of the façade. A large metal roll-away garage leads into a service bay at the far east end of the facade. The building's east elevation wall (facing toward Kimbark Street), is made of painted white bricks laid in running bond. Another large metal roll-away garage door opens from a service bay toward Kimbark Street on the east elevation. Also, there is a 2/2 double-hung sash window with a painted white wood frame and with a brick sill and a brick segmental arch header located at the north end of the east elevation. The building's entire north (rear) elevation features red brick walls, laid in common bond. Seven 2/2 double-hung sash windows with painted white wood frames and with brick sills and brick segmental arch headers penetrate the wall on the north elevation.

**22. Architectural style / building type:**

Please see front page.

**23. Landscape or setting special features:**

This building is located at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kimbark Street in a transitional area between downtown Longmont to the west and the Eastside neighborhood to the east. Among Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhoods, the Eastside was platted in 1872 as part of Longmont's original townsite. The area is now home to a mixture of single-family residences, small retail shops, professional offices and a few small apartment buildings.

**24. Associated buildings, features, or objects**

n/a

#### **IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

25. Date of Construction:  
Estimate **ca. 1920**  
Actual

Source of information:  
**1918 and 1930 Sanborn maps; Longmont city directories**

26. Architect:  
**n/a**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

27. Builder/ Contractor:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

28. Original owner:  
**unknown**

Source of information:  
**n/a**

**29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):**

Sanborn insurance maps reveal that the property at the northwest corner of Kimbark and 5<sup>th</sup> (the eastern half of Lots 39 and 40, Block 40), was first developed in the years prior to 1890 when a small L-shaped dwelling was constructed here. This dwelling which existed until circa 1920, fronted onto 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. According to City of Longmont water records, in the early 1900s, the small dwelling was owned by J.W. Bacon. Mr. Bacon evidently rented the dwelling as his personal residence was located on Gaylord Street in Denver. The extant commercial building at this site, (which covers the east half of Lots 37-40, Block 40), was constructed circa 1920. From that time to the present, the building has been occasionally modified to meet the needs of its retail tenants.

30. Original location: **yes**  
Moved  
Date of move(s) **n/a**

#### **V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

31. Original use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**  
32. Intermediate use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**  
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Business**  
34. Site type(s): **Commercial Building**

**35. Historical Background**

This property at the northwest corner of Kimbark Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the eastern half of Lots 39 and 40, Block 40), was first developed in the years prior to 1890 when a small L-shaped dwelling was constructed here. This dwelling, which existed until circa 1920, fronted onto 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. According to City of Longmont water records in the early 1900s the small dwelling was owned by a J.W. Bacon of Denver.

The extant commercial building at this site, (which covers the east half of Lots 37-40, Block 40), was constructed circa 1920. For many years, the east end of the building housed a service station and automobile repair garage. Gas pumps were located close to the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Kimbark so that motorists could easily enter or exit the facility from either street. The Wallace Garage first appears at this location in the 1921 Longmont city directory. The Wallace Garage existed here until the mid-1930s, when it was replaced by the Munson Service Station. In the early 1950s, Munson's Service Station, in turn, gave way to Vet's Corner Gas Station. A Texaco station, Vet's was a business here until the early 1960s. From the early 1920s to the 1960s, the west end of the building served variously as an automobile show room as a real estate office and as an agricultural implements sales facility. In the 1930s, Hanna-Logan Inc. had an auto dealership here. City directories in the 1930s also list the Hanna-Price Real Estate business at this location, which was probably located in the building's second story, above the dealership. William Williams Agricultural Implements (also known as Williams Farm Equipment Co. and the Minneapolis, Moline Power and Implement Co.) was located here between circa 1936 and the late 1950s. In the mid-1960s, the service station evidently closed. During these years, Dick Moody's Rentals was located in the building, followed by Wagner Wood Products in the late 1960s. From the early 1970s to the present, the entire building has been occupied by the Harding Glass Company. Previously, the Harding Glass Company had been located one block south at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Kimbark. Another glass company, Hillcrest Glass, has been located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Kimbark since the early 1970s.

**36. Sources of Information**

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card - Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

*Polk's Boulder County Directory* [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

*Polk's Longmont City Directory*, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and May 1956.

"Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910.) On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

**xx** Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

**City of Longmont Standards for Designation**

**xx** 2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.

2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

**xx** 2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

**xx** 2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.

2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.

2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.

**xx** 2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

**Architecture; Commerce; Transportation / Road-Related**

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1920-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

**42. Statement of Significance**

This building is historically significant for its association with Longmont's growth during the period circa 1926-1951. The building is especially notable for its affiliation with the burgeoning automobile industry in Longmont, beginning in the early 1920s and extending through the years of the Great Depression and the post-World War II era. The building is also architecturally significant for its early twentieth century commercial style of architecture and especially for its brick masonry construction. Although the property's level of significance is not to the extent that it would qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places, it may qualify for individual designation as a City of Longmont local landmark. The property would also qualify as a contributing resource within a National Register or local landmark historic district.

**43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:**

This building's physical integrity has been diminished to some extent by alterations to the original façade. However, the building should still be considered eligible for local landmark designation and eligible for inclusion in the National Register as a contributing resource within a potential National Register historic district. Tenants and uses of commercial buildings naturally change over time, and as a result, the buildings' facades also often change as well. These changes are part of commercial buildings' natural historical progression and accordingly they do not necessarily diminish a building's ability to convey a sense of its historic significance.

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**VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible: **xx**

Not Eligible:

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **xx**

No:

Discuss: **Commercial buildings in downtown Longmont – along Main Street and perhaps extending one-half block to one block either side do have the potential to form a National Register of Historic Places historic district. Alternately, this property is located 1 ½ blocks west of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Properties in this area do have the potential to be incorporated into the existing East Side Historic District.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing: **xx**

Noncontributing:

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

**VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION**

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-18**

Frame(s): **27-31**

Negatives filed at:

**City of Longmont  
Department of Community Development, Planning Division  
Civic Center Complex  
350 Kimbark Street  
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **December 5, 2001**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**